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SUBJECT: SCALI-WALDHEIM APRIL 1 MEETING ON VIETNAM: COMMENTS  
BY UN AND USUN (PRESS SPOKESMEN)

1. AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 2 UN SYG PRESS SPOKES-  
MAN (POWELL) READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING  
APRIL 2 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON SCALI-WALDHEIM  
CONVERSATION ON VIETNAM: QUOTE

NOTE NO. 3907

2 APRIL 1975

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN INFORMED OF CERTAIN  
COMMENTS MADE IN RELATION TO THE APPEAL ON THE HUMAN-  
ITARIAN SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA WHICH HE MADE ON 31  
MARCH, AND REFERRING TO CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT  
OF THAT APPEAL WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY, 1  
APRIL. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION  
TO SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS AS REPORTED IN AN ARTICLE IN  
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TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST, WHICH IMPLY BIAS AND SUB-

MISSION TO PRESSURE ON HIS PART. SUCH ALLEGATIONS ARE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND MUCH TO BE REGRETTED.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED APPEAL OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS STRICTLY IN THE HUMANITARIAN FIELD AND WAS MADE ENTIRELY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, WHOSE ORGANIZATIONS BOTH HAVE PROGRAMMES OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CONFLICT.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN SUCH HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS ARE UNDERTAKEN IN LINE WITH HIS DUTIES UNDER THE CHARTER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE IN THE OVER-ALL HUMANITARIAN INTEREST. UNQUOTE

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM UN PRESS CORPS, POWELL SAID WALDHEIM "CERTAINLY NOT" REQUESTING UN INVOLVEMENT IN EVACUATION IN VIETNAM, DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER EVACUATION WAS POLITICAL MATTER, AND SAID POINT OF STATEMENT WAS NOT TO DENY THAT AMB. SCALI HAD REQUESTED FURTHER APPEAL FROM SYG BUT RATHER THAT US HAD NOT COMPLAINED ABOUT APPEAL ALREADY MADE BY SYG.

3. ELABORATING ON SCALI-WALDHEIM CONVERSATION, POWELL SAID THERE WAS EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SYG'S MARCH 31 APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. POWELL ALSO SAID THAT WALDHEIM TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE TO SCALI EFFORTS HE MAKING THROUGH UNHCR AND UNICEF TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BOTH SIDES. POWELL SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON WALDHEIM'S REACTION TO AMB. SCALI'S SUGGESTION THAT HE MAKE FURTHER APPEAL TO ALL PARTIES NOT TO INTERFERE WITH EVACUATION OF REFUGEES. POWELL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER WALDHEIM INTENDED TO MAKE SECOND APPEAL ALONG SUCH LINES. WHEN ASKED IF USG WAS LESS THAN SATISFIED WITH SYG'S APPEAL, POWELL SAID THAT WAS QUESTION FOR USUN TO ANSWER.

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4. POWELL DECLINED TO COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR (WHO SAY SYG EARLY EVENING APRIL 1) THAT WALDHEIM TOLD HIM HE COULD NOT MAKE APPEAL DEALING WITH EVACUATION BECAUSE IT WAS POLITICAL MATTER.

5. POWELL ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AUSTRALIA WAS FIRST

UN MEMBER TO RESPOND TO SYG'S APPEAL BY HANDING OVER CHECK  
FOR \$1.35 MILLION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN VIET-  
NAM.

6. WHEN ASKED ABOUT UN STATEMENT ON WASHINGTON POST  
ARTICLE, USUN SPOKESMAN (SHELDON) SAID APRIL 2 THAT  
UNATTRIBUTED QUOTE IN WASHINGTON POST DID NOT REPRE-  
SENT VIEW OF AMB SCALI OR USUN.  
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